

LOCAL LABOR UNIONS DON'T DOMINATE CITY

Organizations Here Include
Printers, Barbers, Carpen-
ters, Movie Operators.

OTHERS NOT NEEDED

Most Publishers' Employees
Are Not Members—
Strike Not Successful.

The question "Why is a labor union in Columbia?" almost resolves itself into the negative of the same question, "Why is a labor union not in Columbia?" In a survey of the laboring element of the city it is found that a union for the protection and betterment of working people is hardly considered essential.

Columbia might go so far as to have a bakers' union, a teamsters' union, a

drug clerks' union, a firemen's union, a draymen's union, a waiters' and waitresses' union, railroad laborers' union and several other kinds of unions but workers find it quite unnecessary to band together for their own protection.

Only Four Unions Here.

The four unions whose presence is felt locally are the movie operators, printers, carpenters and barbers. The first of the four is represented in the city by only two men who hold their cards from a local union in Jefferson City. Their membership sign is flashed on the screen at the beginning of every performance.

Carl Schwamb heads the local printers union of eleven members.

There are probably forty to forty-five printers in town who are non-union men.

Benefits derived from union membership are old age pensions, death benefit and the hospital maintained for tuberculosis patients. The present scale is \$20.50 but because of the increase in printing since the war and the general scarcity of printers they get more money without an advance of the scale.

The largest union of the city is the carpenters' union with forty members. It boasted a membership of sixty-five for a time during the war, but because of higher wages in other places many left town. Almost all the first class carpenters in Columbia are members.

May Raise Carpenters' Scale.

The present scale for carpenter work in Columbia is 62½ cents an hour, an increase of 12½ cents from the standard of last January. The local union has called a meeting to consider a scale increase. Some are proposing an increase to 75 or 80 cents. Some of the members are opposed to this on the ground that it is a bad time to ask for a raise.

The local union has recently allowed a \$400 injury benefit to W. J. Alton, who served as a soldier and was wounded in action. The union is affiliated with the American Federation of Labor and receives all benefits through the head organization. This is with the exception of minor instances where members may be termed a neighborly service by paying the dues of sick members or some similar service.

Barbers' Union Is Social.

The barbers' union fills more of a social need rather than a productive one. They use their power of collective bargaining now and then to increase the price of a haircut uniformly at all the shops. The only sort of a strike that a local barbers' union could very well consider would be a sympathetic strike. People could very well wear a fringe of lengthy hair hanging out over their collars without suffering materially, whereas a strike in any other type of business might impair business generally. And, too, with modern inventors presenting an individual haircutting machine, who knows but that patrons generally would purchase their own machine for cutting their hair in case the barbers should walk out?

Dustin Settles heads the barbers' union, which has a membership of between twenty and twenty-five, all the white barbers in town. The union also is affiliated with the American Federation of Labor and gives the usual benefits through the head organization.

SPORT

Saturday's Important Valley Games.

Missouri vs Oklahoma at Norman. Washington vs Rolla at St. Louis. Kansas Aggies vs Kansas at Lawrence.

Drake vs Grinnell at Des Moines. Ames vs Nebraska at Omaha.

Further eliminations in the Valley Conference race may come on Saturday when Kansas University goes up against a team that in past years has given Kansas a good close race. The Aggies will play at Lawrence and while K. U. has the edge on early season information, the Aggies have improved and may yet throw a surprise into the Jayhawk camp.

Oklahoma is the favorite in the Missouri-Oklahoma game, but scores of the past have shown that Bennie Owens' men, always held up as sure winners, have been humbled by the Tigers five times out of nine games played. Washington will doubtless defeat the Rolla School of Mines thus retaining its lead in the conference. The standings of Missouri and Ames will not be affected by Saturday's games as neither Nebraska nor Oklahoma is in the conference.

Rain Keeps Tigers From Practice.

A steady rain which had made practice impossible Monday stopped long enough Tuesday afternoon to let the Varsity football squad have its

first scrimmage of the week with the Tiger freshmen. The field was soggy but the air was crisp and the change in the weather showed in the play of both Tiger teams.

Good gains by Peterson against the usual excellent play of Captain Lincoln and Jack Fullbright of the freshman eleven featured the practice. The Varsity line held better than it did during most of last week's practice and those who came out to see the Tigers prepare for the invasion of Soonerland were somewhat encouraged. Miller will be handicapped by his unusually large squad of injured men and the success of his team will depend to a great extent on whether or not the new men on the team can put up the fight that their backers hope they can.

The rain in Columbia made practice on Rollins Field impossible this afternoon and thus the Tigers were cheated of their last scrimmage practice. Preparation for the Sooner game has, on the part of the Tigers, been the shortest ever engaged in for any first class game.

Tigers Have Won Five Sooners, Four, in Past.

Missouri-Oklahoma scores of past years follow:

1902—Missouri 22, Oklahoma 5.
1910—Missouri 26, Oklahoma 0.
1911—Missouri 6, Oklahoma 14.
1912—Missouri 14, Oklahoma 0.
1913—Missouri 20, Oklahoma 17.
1914—Missouri 0, Oklahoma 13.
1915—Missouri 0, Oklahoma 24.
1916—Missouri 23, Oklahoma 14.
1917—Missouri 7, Oklahoma 14.

A balance of five to four would favor the Tigers in the game Saturday if scores of other years counted for anything in football prospects. Back in 1902, when Missouri-Oklahoma games began, there was no Bennie Owens at Oklahoma and the forward passing act—and other things peculiar to a real first class Owens football team were not present at Norman. Tiger rooters, most of whom pick the Sooners as a better team than Schulte's Cornhuskers, are not depending on past scores for prophecies this year.

Has Two Open Dates On Football Schedule.

Five games, two of which are open dates, remain on the football schedule of the University High School. These games are: November 1, Kemper at Booneville; November 7, Brookfield at Columbia; November 14, open date; November 21, open date; November 27, Columbia High School at Columbia.

Tigers to Use Army Blankets This Year.

The old Tiger "M" blanket, once an important part of Tiger football equipment, has evidently been taken off the list of necessities, by Director Meanwell. Army blankets, such as were used by some of the Tigers in the army last year, were thrown around the men when they were taken out of the game last week. A wagon load of these blankets was delivered at the bench just before the game started.

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